

M16-Series Rifle, M4/M4A1 Carbine...

OK to Use Barrel Caps?



Dear Half-Mast,

We are deployed in Afghanistan where we need all the help possible to keep sand out of our M16s and M4s. Is it OK to use barrel caps in the field? My first sergeant doesn't think we should because we might have to shoot through the caps.

SGT Z.E.

Dear Sergeant Z.E.,

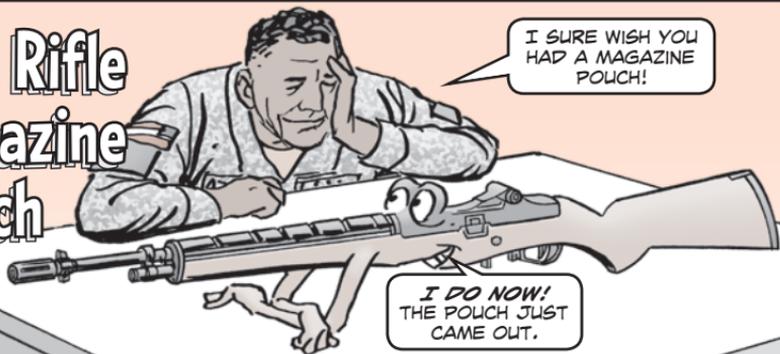
It is definitely OK to use the barrel caps in the field. They are designed to help seal out sand. It's perfectly OK to shoot through them if necessary. You can order 100 barrel caps with NSN 5340-00-880-7666.

It is not OK to leave the barrel caps on for storage or cargo transport. The caps trap moisture inside the weapon, which leads to corrosion.

TB 9-1000-262-DT gives official guidance on using the caps.

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M14 Rifle Magazine Pouch NSN



Dear Half-Mast,

Are there magazine pouches for our M14 sniper rifles? We sure could use them.

SGT H.O.

Dear Sergeant H.O.,

You're in luck. A magazine pouch has just become available with NSN 1005-01-543-0995.

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